

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Chap. 11. AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

When superintendents to meet.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the 28th section of the 66th chapter of the Revised Code be so amended as to read as follows: "The superintendents of common schools shall meet on the third Monday in April as aforesaid, and elect one of their number chairman, who shall continue in office for one year and until his successor is chosen; and, in case of death, resignation or removal of said chairman from office, said superintendents shall meet and elect another from their body, to continue in office until the next succeeding third Monday of April, and until his successor is chosen.

Power to remove chairman.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That in case any chairman, for any cause, shall become incompetent to the proper discharge of his duties, or shall neglect wilfully and habitually his duties, or shall be guilty of misdemeanor in his office, the board of superintendents shall have power to remove him and to elect another chairman, under the rules and regulations prescribed in the next section of this act.

Proceedings for removal of chairman.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That no chairman shall be removed from office, except under the following regulations, to-wit: he shall have written notice at least twenty days before trial, of the charges against him, and of the names and residences of the witnesses; he shall be allowed to cross-examine witnesses, and to offer counter testimony, and all witnesses shall be examined under oath. It shall require a vote of a majority of all of the superintendents of the county to remove a chairman, but any may give him notice of charges against him or bring him to trial; and in case of his removal, a record shall be made of the proceedings.

Official bonds.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the official bonds of chairmen of boards of superintendents of common schools shall be good and valid against them and their securities, until renewed or new bonds be given, and shall also be good and valid in case of the election of a new chairman until